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Will—Condition or Restraint of Marriage.—Testator directed his trustees to pay an annuity to a single woman, by whom he had had an illegitimate child, provided she should remain single, and that she should never cohabit or have connection with any other man; his reason being that if she were to marry, her child would be neglected; and for a further reason, that no man should have the spending of his hard-earned money. The annuitant having married, it was held that the proviso against marriage was valid, the conditions being incorporated with the gift, and the object being to protect the child. *Potter vs. Richards*, 24 L. J. Ch. 488, V. Ch. Kindersley.

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

THE LAW OF RAILWAYS; including the Consolidation and other General Acts for Regulating Railways in England and Ireland: with Copious Notes of Decided Cases on their Construction; including the Rights and Liabilities of Shareholders, Allottees of Shares, and Provisional Committee Men. By Leonard Shelford, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister at Law. First American, from the third London edition; with Copious Notes and References to late English Cases and American Statutes and Decisions. By Milo L. Bennett, LL. D., one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Vermont. 2 vols. Burlington: Chauncey Goodrich, 1855.

We have here the first volume of Judge Bennett's edition of Shelford on the Law of Railways. The book itself is the best treatise we have upon the subject, and an American edition had become very much of a desideratum to the profession in this country, which should contain, in convenient compass, reliable references to the scattered decisions upon the topic. This service has been very acceptably performed by Judge Bennett, who is well known to the profession as an able lawyer and learned judge, of many years. Mr. Goodrich has certainly performed an important service to the profession in bringing out this book, and we trust he will find it remunerative also; for it seems to us that almost no book will be found more in demand by the profession, in all parts of the country. This volume contains 387 pages of Mr. Shelford's notes of decisions, and 74 pages of Judge Bennett's.

The two volumes, which will soon be published, the second being now in an advanced stage, will contain, it is believed, most of the law upon the subject to the present time. The mechanical execution of the work is altogether unobjectionable.